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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed as a U.S. National Stage

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A \$400.00 National Stage Search Fee (Code 1642) was charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800 in our June 2005 Deposit Account Statement.

However, since the National Stage Search Fee was submitted at the time this application was filed, the \$400.00 charge should not have been made against our Deposit Account.

The Patent Office is thus respectfully requested to refund the \$400.00

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Should any questions arise concerning this matter, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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